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Dear Readers,

I am so pleased to be with you again for our second issue! It has been my honor to work with our distinguished authors. I am also happy to introduce our new book reviews editor, Dr. Jonathan Mercantini. Dr. Mercantini is Associate Professor of History and Chair of the Department of History at Kean University.

This issue would not have been possible without our peer reviewers. They generously shared their time and talents to ensure every article presented to you here represents the highest levels of scholarship. In many cases, our authors made important revisions to their work thanks to suggestions made by the anonymous reviewers.

Thanks also to our editorial board: Ronald Becker, Head, Special Collections, Rutgers University; Ellen Callahan, Collections Manager, New Jersey State Archives; Chris Fischer, Professor of History, The College of New Jersey; Dorothy Guzzo, Executive Director, New Jersey Historic Trust; Paul Israel, Director and Editor, Thomas Edison Papers; Gregory Lattanzi, Curator of Archeology, New Jersey State Museum; Maxine Lurie, Professor of History Emerita, Seton Hall University; Michelle McDonald, Associate Professor of Atlantic History, Richard Stockton University; Lucia McMahon, Associate Professor of History & Assistant Chair, William Patterson University; Mary Rizzo, Associate Director of Public & Digital Humanities Initiatives, American Studies & History at Rutgers-Newark; Bernadette Rogoff, Independent Consultant; Janet Sheridan, Cultural Landscape Historian and Heritage Preservation Consultant; and Richard Veit, Professor of History and Anthropology, Monmouth University.

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We are currently accepting submissions for our Summer 2016 issue. They should be emailed to me by February 1, 2016. Please be sure to adhere to our submission guidelines at <http://njs.libraries.rutgers.edu/index.php/njs/about/submissions#authorGuidelines>

Looking ahead, the Winter 2017 issue will be a themed issue mirroring the topic of the November 2016 conference: The 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service (NPS) and issues relating to environmental history in New Jersey. Priority will be given to papers related to the theme.

Happy Reading!

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